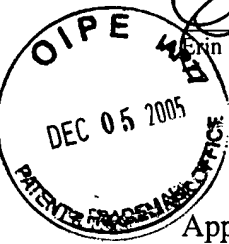


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AMENDMENT

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the final Office Action of July 1, 2005, the period for response to which has been extended to December 1, 2005 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, and in conjunction with the concurrent filing of a Request For Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

A list of the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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